



A WARM WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Third Week of Ordinary Time Sunday Cycle Year A, Weekday Cycle Year 1, Psalter Week 3

Date	Mass Times	Celebrations	Intentions
Sunday 22nd January	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monica Blanch People of the Parishes Deceased members of the O'Neill Family
Monday 23rd January	10:00am (<i>Stonehouse</i>)	Weekday	Mary & Michael Nolan
Tuesday 24th January	6:00pm	Saint Francis de Sales	Allsopp Family
Wednesday 25th January	10:00am 10:45am	Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul <i>Holy Hour</i>	Mary (Penny) Atherley R.I.P.
Thursday 26th January	10:00am	Saints Timothy and Titus	Paddy & Ann Hanley R.I.P.
Friday 27th January	11:30am (<i>Woodchester</i>)	Funeral Mass	Barry Taylor
Saturday 28th January		Saint Thomas Aquinas	
Sunday 29th January	6:30pm (<i>Saturday</i>) 8:30am (<i>Painswick</i>) 10:00am	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Katherine Heath & Tina McGrath R.I.P. People of the Parishes John Mason & Thomas Reilly

Diocesan Prayer Link: We pray for the parishes of: Sacred Heart, Tisbury,
with All Saints, Wardour.

We pray for all those within our parish and their intentions including: the communities at the Monastery of Our Lady and Saint Bernard, Brownhill and More Hall, Randwick; and all those connected with our schools.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2023 is for educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

We continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine: Donations for the Cafod Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, which will go to help the people of Ukraine and also others around the world affected by war and conflict, can be made at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for those who are housebound, in nursing homes, in hospital or sick including:

Layla Hood, Clare Barton, Ian Spencer, Maggie Ind, Stephen Hassall, Conrad Newman, Jo Curtan, Mary Paul, Virginia Couchman, Edward Johnson, Janet Strong, Maria Capicotto, Antonietta Lazdans, Vivienne Tarn, Sarah Williams, Gisele Smart, Helen Hursthouse, Gerardo Capaldo, Michael Flint, Clare McDermott, Pat King, Margot Williams, June & John Privett, Olivia Bouzyk, Raphael Moore, Brian O'Donoghue, Kitty McCoy, Ursula Kyne, Imelda Kucharzyszyn, Lisa Knight, Francis Kerrigan, Monika Smit, Rebecca Frazier, Joan O'Donoghue, Sister Quentin, Peter Ollis, Peter McCombie, Anne Allen, Sister Catherine, Daryl Jackson, Grace Harper, Jamie Watt, Peter Tay, Ann Enright, Jill Chapman, Janie Wilmot, Kevin Sivell, Niall Walker, Murray Dolan, Cecilia Redgrave, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Victor Vincent, Stephen Carden, John Stephens, Phyllis Bruton, Marilyn Anderson, Chris Strong, Kate Thorley, Amanda Mullins, Paul O'Keith, Simon Terry, Anna Dowdeswell, Stephen & Paul Coupe, Anthea Van Venroy, Maisie McGinley and all their carers.

To add a name to this list please contact the parish office – please ensure you have the agreement of the sick person.

Seminarian: Nohil D'Souza continues his pastoral placement with us until this Thursday. He is currently in his first year at Oscott seminary (near Birmingham) preparing for ordination as a priest for our diocese. He will speak at the end of the Masses this weekend.

First Holy Communion: Our First Holy Communion programme began this week. The children will be presented to the parish during the 10:00am Mass this Sunday. The next children's session will be on Saturday 11th February in the parish hall (2:00pm-4:30pm).

The Octave of prayer for Christian Unity continues until Wednesday (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). We continue to pray and work together so that all followers of Jesus may be united ever more fully and be an ever more effective sign of his love for all people. There will be an Ecumenical Service this Sunday 22nd January at 3:30pm at the Church of Our Lady and Saint Thérèse, Painswick.

Coffee Morning with Sale of Unwanted Christmas Gifts in our parish all on Saturday 4th February from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Come and meet over coffee and scones. There will be a stall with donated unwanted Christmas gifts for sale, proceeds towards parish funds – invite friends to join us. Donations of unwanted gifts to sell will be gratefully received. Everyone is welcome!

Day for Readers and Musicians: There will be a deanery day of prayer and formation for all readers and those involved with the music ministry in our parishes on Saturday 11th March. There will be more details on venue and timing in the coming weeks, but it is likely to be from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

The 200 Club: The **annual subscription** of £12.00 is now due from most members. Cash or cheques (payable to 'Immaculate Conception, Stroud') may be given to the parish office. New members always welcome. For more information please contact the parish office.

Pope Benedict XVI: There are some cards available in our churches with prayers for the repose of his soul.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the Sick: Father Gary is happy to celebrate these sacraments on request or by appointment.

The **Repository** is open in the parish hall after the 10:00am Sunday Mass. Items available include missals, bibles, catechisms and religious medals.

Foundation Directors: The Bishop is seeking to appoint eight Foundation Directors to form the Trust board of the new Little Way Catholic Educational Trust, consisting of the Catholic Schools in the County of Gloucestershire, which is due to begin on 1st September and will be the third new multi-academy trust within the diocese. Applications from existing Foundation Governors/Directors and from those without previous school governor experience, would be welcome. For a The Little Way Directors Application Pack visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> & click on the 'Recruitment' tab or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer (Bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976) for further details.

The Stroud Foodbank continues to provide important help for those who need it. For more information on how to 'get help' or 'give help' please visit their website <https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>. Food items for the foodbank (not fresh, frozen or refrigerator items) can be left at the back of the church. Monetary donations are also needed. These can be made via their website, or cash (no cheques) donations for the foodbank in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Foodbank' can be given into the parish office (or to the stewards at weekend Masses).

Vocations Retreat: 'Answering God's Call' is a vocations discernment retreat for Lent, at the Monastery of Our Lady and Saint Bernard, Brownhill, from 3rd until 5th March. It is open to men and women aged 18 to 35. The cost is £90 full board. For more information and to book please contact Rina (rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk).

World Youth Day: World Youth Day will take place in Lisbon this year. Our Diocesan Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from 31st July until 8th August for young adults (18-35) of our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and to support one another in this faith journey. Anyone interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day Pilgrimage and reserving a place, and who will be at least 18 years old on 1st April 2023, are invited to visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/world-youth-day-2023/>.